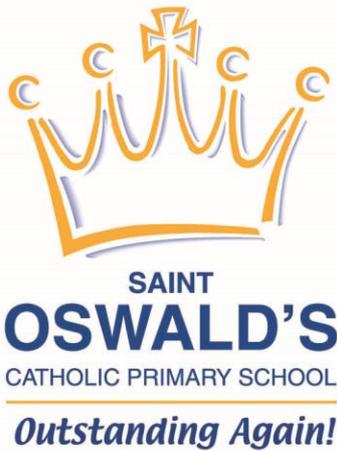


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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you and your families are all safe and well.

Following my letter of Monday 11 May, I wanted to write to you again today with a further update following the Government's announcement regarding the proposed phased re-opening of schools.

We are currently working on plans for how a possible phased re-opening could be safely managed in our school if we were to open next month, including rearranging classes and furniture, considering staffing, timetables, resources and risk assessments for the health and safety of children and staff. There is a great deal to consider and government guidance has been changing on a daily basis since the announcement last Sunday. We are considering all the guidance and working closely with the Local Authority to ensure that any re-opening of the school will be as safe as possible for the children and school staff, although there can be no guarantee that all risk will be eliminated.

The school will only re-open if the Government's 'five tests for easing measures' have been met and the Government and teaching unions say that it is safe for us to do so. If our school is to re-open next half term, in line with other Warrington schools this may be staggered from Monday 8 June which is the first day of the half-term based on our published term dates. Although the Government is encouraging children to attend school, the final decision rests with parents. The Government is clear that neither parents nor schools will be penalised should parents choose for their child not to attend during the summer term.

If we are to re-open from 8 June in the first instance for Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 children, school will look and feel very different to what we have all previously known. Some of the measures that we may be required to put in place are:

- Children to work in new groups of up to 10 children which will remain their new class group or 'bubble' for the entire time they are in school.
- Due to the splitting of classes, children may not be based in their usual classroom.
- Children may not be taught by their usual class teacher.
- Your child may be taught by a Teacher or Teaching Assistant.



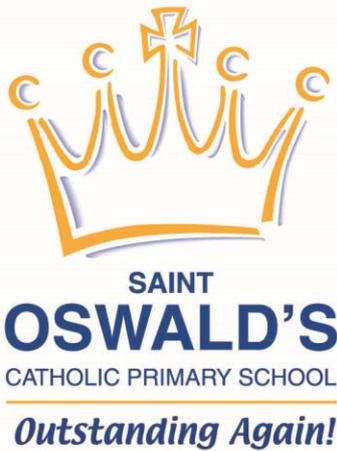
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- A member of staff will be allocated to one group of children and there will be no mixing of staff/children from other groups.
- Children will be sat separately at single desks and will keep their own personal items (eg stationery) for their use only.
- Normal national curriculum will not be followed.
- Class resources will be kept to a strict minimum and will only include items that can be easily cleaned.
- There will be no coming together for class or whole school assemblies, prayer, gymnastics, dance, drama or singing.
- There will be no enrichment activities involving external visitors coming to school.
- Lunches are likely to be eaten in the classrooms.
- Children will not move around the school other than to go to the toilet and to move outside for break times.
- Break times may be staggered so that each group takes their break time separately.
- Parents will not be permitted to accompany children into school under any circumstances.
- Where possible we ask that children are brought to school by one adult only.
- Designated drop-off/pick-up times and locations may be allocated to avoid any crowding at the school gates.
- To allow clothes to be washed every evening when your child comes home from school, there may be a relaxing of school uniform policy.

If the school is to open from 8 June, children in classes other than Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 will not be able to attend school, apart from children of key workers who can continue to access school. Home learning will continue to be provided for children at home.



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The school will remain open during the Whit holiday for children of key workers.

I am sharing these points now to give you a guide as to how the re-opening could be managed initially. As stated earlier, the school experience will be very different for your child. Due to the serious health and safety risks to be assessed, these plans will take some time to be carefully and fully developed. The government recognises that Early Years settings and Primary Schools are unable to guarantee 2m social distancing; although we will endeavour to lower the risks as much as possible, we cannot guarantee that school will be completely without risk. I know that many of you will be feeling anxious and keen to know more detail about the arrangements for after half-term but it would be irresponsible to rush these decisions and share them with you until they are finalised by the Governors of the school.

We will continue to consider all guidance and I will of course update you as soon as I am able.

Following this letter, parents in Y6, Y1 and Reception will be contacted by the school to gather parent opinion on your child's attendance at school if we are to re-open.

With my best wishes,

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